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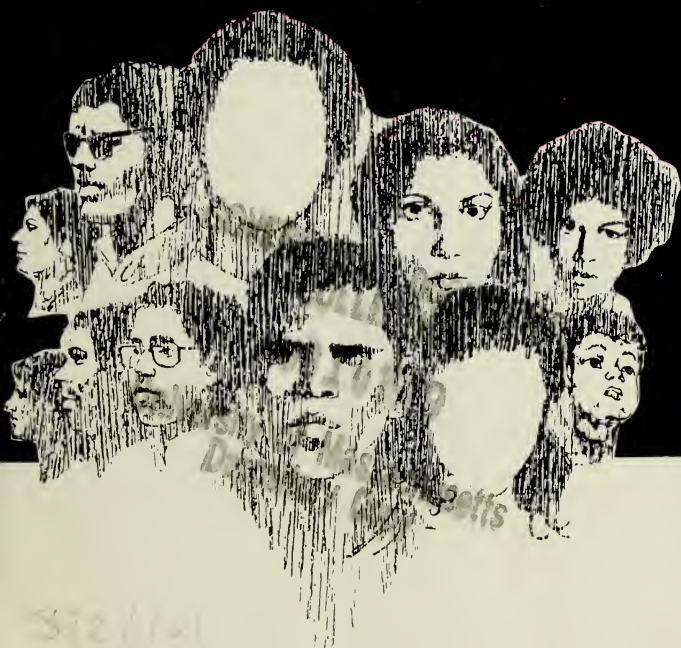
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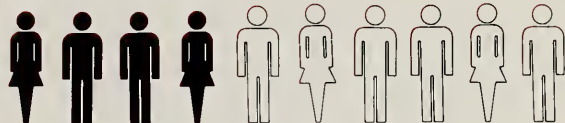
AIDS and PEOPLE OF COLOR



AIDS does not care...

- what COLOR you are.
- what SEX you are.
- what AGE you are.
- or if you are GAY or STRAIGHT.

WHOEVER gets AIDS....
eventually dies. There is no
AIDS vaccine or cure.



In the U.S. **40%** of all people with AIDS
are PEOPLE OF COLOR.



In the U.S. **71%** of all women with AIDS
are WOMEN OF COLOR.

AIDS is color blind!

*The AIDS virus is infecting
people of color in alarming
numbers.*

IN THE UNITED STATES, PEOPLE
OF COLOR ARE 20% OF THE
POPULATION, YET ABOUT:

40% of all people with AIDS are
PEOPLE OF COLOR.

71% of all women with AIDS are
WOMEN OF COLOR.

75% of all babies with AIDS are
BABIES OF COLOR.



In the U.S. **75%** of all babies with AIDS
are BABIES OF COLOR.

IN MASSACHUSETTS PEOPLE OF
COLOR ARE 10% OF THE
POPULATION, YET ABOUT:

30% of all people with AIDS are
PEOPLE OF COLOR.

55% of all women with AIDS are
WOMEN OF COLOR.

59% of all babies with AIDS are
BABIES OF COLOR.

How do people get AIDS?

- By having SEX with someone who is infected with the AIDS virus. (That's because the virus lives in blood, a man's "sperm" and a woman's vaginal secretions.)
- By SHARING NEEDLES used to shoot drugs. (That's because dirty needles and syringes ("works") contain blood which could be infected with the AIDS virus.)
- An INFECTED PREGNANT WOMAN can pass the AIDS virus on to her baby.

The AIDS VIRUS lives in:

- BLOOD
- A MAN'S "SPERM"
- A WOMAN'S VAGINAL SECRETIONS (SEXUAL FLUIDS)

You can NOT get AIDS from:

- Donating Blood
- Shaking Hands
- Hugging
- A Kiss on the Cheek
- Eating Utensils
- Drinking Fountains
- Toilet Seats
- Swimming Pools
- Mosquito Bites

AIDS is NOT in the air

AIDS can be prevented!

*Don't be scared of
AIDS...protect yourself.*

Here's how:

- Know your sexual partner. Having more partners increases your risk of getting infected with the AIDS virus. But remember, a person can be infected with the AIDS virus and still look healthy.
- Use a latex condom (rubber) and spermicide to reduce the risk of infection.
- If you shoot drugs, get help. If you shoot drugs, do not share needles or syringes ("works"). Call an AIDS or Drug Hotline for help.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT **AIDS**
CALL:

**THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

1-800-235-2331 Statewide AIDS Hotline
617-522-4090 x470 Alternative Test Sites
and Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinics

AIDS ACTION COMMITTEE

617-536-7733 Hotline
617-437-6200 Services

CITY OF BOSTON

617-424-5916

ENGLISH / SPANISH HOTLINE

1-800-637-3776 Toll Free
617-262-7248 Boston

**MASSACHUSETTS ALCOHOL AND
DRUG ABUSE HOTLINE**

1-800-327-5050 Toll Free
(617) 445-1500